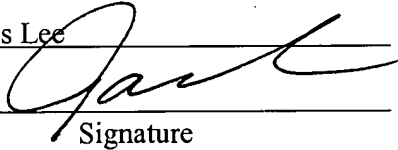


**REMARKS**


Claims 1 – 16 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 16 stand allowed. Applicant submits herewith an information disclosure statement for consideration. Applicant appreciates the allowance of Claims 1 – 16 and since all the claims remaining in the case are allowed, requests that the case be passed to issue.

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